



Okanogan County boasts more than 300 miles of groomed trails which are open to the public for a variety of winter recreational activities.

The Methow Valley Sport Trails Association maintains a 175 kilometer trail system that winds through the valley, which provides easy skiing near the Sun Mountain Lodge and expert-only skiing in the Rendezvous region.

A ski pass is required for the valley-wide trail system and can be obtained at sport shops, visitors centers, and lodges. Skiing usually starts in December and runs into March. The Sun Mountain trail system, which is approximately 1,000' higher usually opens first.

Heli-skiing

Intermediate to advanced helicopter assisted skiing is available at various locations. For information, contact North Cascade Heli-Skiing at 800.494.HEL.

Sno-Park areas



Sno-Parks are designated parking areas available during winter months for recreational purposes. Sno-Park permits are required and are available at many outdoor equipment retailers, or can be obtained by mail from the Office of Winter Recreation, Washington State Parks, 7150 Clearwater Lane KY-11, PO Box 42650, Olympia, WA. 98504-2650.

Snowshoeing



Nature of Winter offers free ski and snowshoe tours on Saturdays and throughout holiday weekends beginning December 25th through the season. Guided snowshoe tours take place on groomed snowshoe trails at the base goat wall and along the Methow River in Mazama. Routes are easy. Snowshoes are provided and a ski or snowshoe pass is required. For more information about free snowshoe tours, contact the Methow Valley Sport Trails Association at 509.996.4036.

Snowmobiling



The Methow Valley Ranger District is the primary resource for current conditions, and best snowmobile areas. The Ranger District manages nearly half of the trails in Okanogan County. 509.997.2131

Okanogan County - The Northwest's winter playground

Canadian border

Sno-Park areas for non-motorized winter activities

- 22** **Boulder Deer Creek**
From Curlew take County Road No. 602 to summit. parking is on the north side of the road.
- 23** **Highlands**
15 miles NE of Tonasket via Havillah Road, then two miles of Forest Road 3230.
- 24** **South Summit**
13 miles east of Twisp on Hwy. 20, then 1/3 miles south on Forest Road 41.



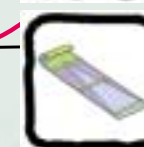
Snowboarding

All of the downhill ski areas listed also offer excellent snowboarding opportunities. Many even provide snowboarding lessons.



Sledding, tobogganing

- this place in the Okanogan
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Sleigh rides

- Sun Mountain
- This place



Ice skating

- Sun Mountain
- Winthrop barn



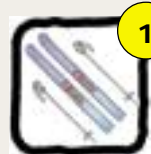
Kids play areas

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Ice fishing

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Badger Mountain

Badger Mountain Ski Hill near Waterville. Affordable downhill skiing, x-country skiing, sledding, snowmobiling. Highest run is at 3,300'. Badger Mt. Lodge has amenities and concessions. 509.745.8273



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Echo Valley

Seven miles NW of Chelan on Boyd District Road. Echo Valley offers lessons for snowboarders and downhill skiers. Groomed trails, three rope tows, Poma lift. Day lodge, snack bar, ski shop & rentals. 509.687.3167



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Sitzmark Ski Area

Located near Havillah, NE of Tonasket, Sitzmark offers a ski school, downhill skiing w/several runs. There is a double chair lift and rope tow. Day lodge with food. 509.xxx.xxxx



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Mazama

For Nordic skiing Mazama offers spectacular scenery, on groomed trails. Good beginner x-country ski route, great for skate skis. Meadows, pine forests, & along the Methow River. 509.xxx.xxxx



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Rendezvous Pass Hut to Hut

Start at Cub Creek about six miles north of Winthrop, or at Goat Creek in Mazama. Good climb to Rendezvous Pass, with exhilarating and fast track ride back down. Five huts available for rent along the trail. 509.xxx.xxxx



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Sun Mountain

Sun Mountain trails open in late fall and are the last to close in spring. There is a lot of variety along the trail from a flat and easy x-country ski in Beaver Pond Trail, to vigorous ups, downs and turns on Rodeo. 509.xxx.xxxx



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Methow Valley Community Trail

The Community Trail offers shorter segment with inns and access points along the way. Start at either Winthrop or Mazama. Starts easy and gets more difficult in the mid section of the trail. There are stores at both ends of the trail. 509.xxx.xxxx



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Boulder Pass

The Boulder Pass area between Curlew and Orient features groomed x-country trails, and can be accessed from the Boulder Pass interpretive center site. Contact the Ferry County Chamber of Commerce for info. 509.779.4808



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Loup Loup Ski Bowl

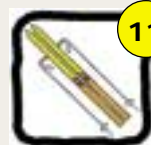
1,240 vertical feet of fall line, a professional ski school, full service rental shop, new four-person lift for skiers and snowboarders, day lodge, cafeteria. Located on Highway 20, 12 miles from Twisp, 18 miles from Okanogan, 25 miles from Omak. Loup Loup Ski Education Foundation: 509.826.2720 www.skitheloup.com



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Smith Canyon

Smith Canyon is a multiple use area and has a rating of easiest. Round trip is 3 miles on the road and 5 miles along the ridge. On the road avalanche potential is low, moderate on the ridge. Best skiing is between Dec. & Feb. 509.997.2131



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Elderberry Canyon

Elderberry Canyon is a multiple-use area and is rated most difficult. Round trip, the trail is 5 miles and should take approximately 3 hours to complete. Elevation gain: 1,548'. Low avalanche potential. Best skiing is in Jan. & Feb. Elderberry Canyon Road is short and generally ignored by snowmobilers. No trail pass is required. Note: The road up Elderberry Canyon is quite steep and skiing here can be hazardous when icy. Backcountry skiers will appreciate access to nearby telemarking slopes. 509.997.2131

Planning your winter escape

The following are resources available to help you plan the perfect winter escape in one of the most beautiful areas of the world.

**Road & weather conditions**

Washington State mountain pass road report:
<http://traffic.wsdot.wa.gov/sno-info/banner.htm>
Washington State Dept. of Transportation traveler info:
1.800.695.7623

**Lodging & dining**

Brewster Chamber of Commerce	509.689.3589
Conconully Chamber of Commerce	509.826.9050
Grand Coulee Dam Area Chamber	509.633.3074
Okanogan Chamber of Commerce	509.422.2923
Omak Chamber of Commerce	509.826.1880
Oroville Chamber of Commerce	509.476.2739
Pateros Chamber of Commerce	509.923.2571
Tonasket Chamber of Commerce	509.486.2480
Twisp Chamber of Commerce	509.997.2926
Republic Chamber of Commerce	509.775.2704
Winthrop Chamber of Commerce	509.996.2125

**Trail information**

• Methow Valley Ranger District:	509.997.2131
• Methow Valley Sport Trails Association	800.682.5787
• www.mvsta.com . Reservations:	800.422.3048
• Winthrop Forest Service (M-F):	509.996.4000

Distances (miles)

	Brewster	Bridgeport	Conconully	Grand Coulee	Mazama	Okanogan	Omak	Oroville	Pateros	Tonasket	Twisp	Winthrop
Bellingham	202	229	209	262	182	209	212	255	207	230	178	170
Chelan	30	42	73	79	79	52	60	102	22	90	57	67
Everett	204	185	226	250	231	204	212	255	174	231	210	219
Portland	367	348	404	336	410	382	391	433	353	429	388	397
Seattle	208	211	251	226	256	221	238	266	200	257	235	244
Spokane	139	136	164	87	202	148	141	183	145	172	180	190
Tacoma	230	224	264	241	270	243	251	293	213	292	248	258
Yakima	176	163	209	151	215	188	196	238	158	230	193	203
Wenatchee	65	74	110	96	115	88	97	139	59	127	94	103

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Winter Recreation Guide TO WASHINGTON'S Okanogan Country

THE BEST PLACES TO GO FOR

- ❄ Cross-country skiing
- ❄ Downhill skiing & snowboarding
- ❄ Ice fishing
- ❄ Ice skating
- ❄ Sledding & tobogganing
- ❄ Snowmobiling
- ❄ Snowshoeing

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Loup Loup South Summit

A series of interconnected groomed and non-groomed x-country loops. Rating: easiest to most difficult. Highest point is 4,569'. Best skiing Dec. through Feb. Before you head out on your tour, study the information board and map at the south end of the parking area. Trails are clearly marked with ID number and difficulty rating. Beginner skiers can make an enjoyable loop by combining the No. 1, 7, 5, and 6 trails. The more adventurous and skilled can make a day of it by looping out on the 7.5 mile long No. 9 trail. 509.997.2131



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Bear Mountain

Operated by the Loup Loup Ski Resort. The trail is groomed, there are 20 miles of trails and you can ski for two hours or all day. Low avalanche potential. Rating: easiest-backcountry. The high point is 5,540' with an elevation gain of 1,370'. 509.997.2131



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Black Canyon Sno-Park

6.5 miles north of Pateros on Highway 153, one mile west of Forest Road 4010.



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Goat Creek Sno-Park

16 miles NW of Winthrop, right after crossing the Mazama bridge, two miles south on Goat Creek Road, and 1/4 mile up Forest Road 52.



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South Fork Cold Creek Sno-Park

15 miles north of Pateros on Hwy. 153, then one mile west on County Road No. 1029, two miles south on Forest Road 4330.



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North Summit Sno-Park

12.5 miles east of Twisp on Highway 20, then 1/2 mile north of Forest Road 42.



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Eight Mile Ranch Sno-Park

Six miles north of Winthrop on County Road No. 1213 to junction with County Road No. 9137, then 2.5 miles north of Forest Road 51.



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Yellow Jacket Sno-Park

6.9 miles west of Mazama via County Road No. 9140, then 1/5 mile north on Yellowjacket Road.



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Kerr Sno-Park

Four miles north of Conconully on County Road 2361 and Forest Road 42.



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Conconully

Conconully is one of only two towns in Washington that permit snowmobiling on the streets in town. There is also local access to numerous trails in the Okanogan National Forest. For snowmobile conditions, maps, and county roads open to snowmobiles, call Okanogan County Public Works at 509.422.7324